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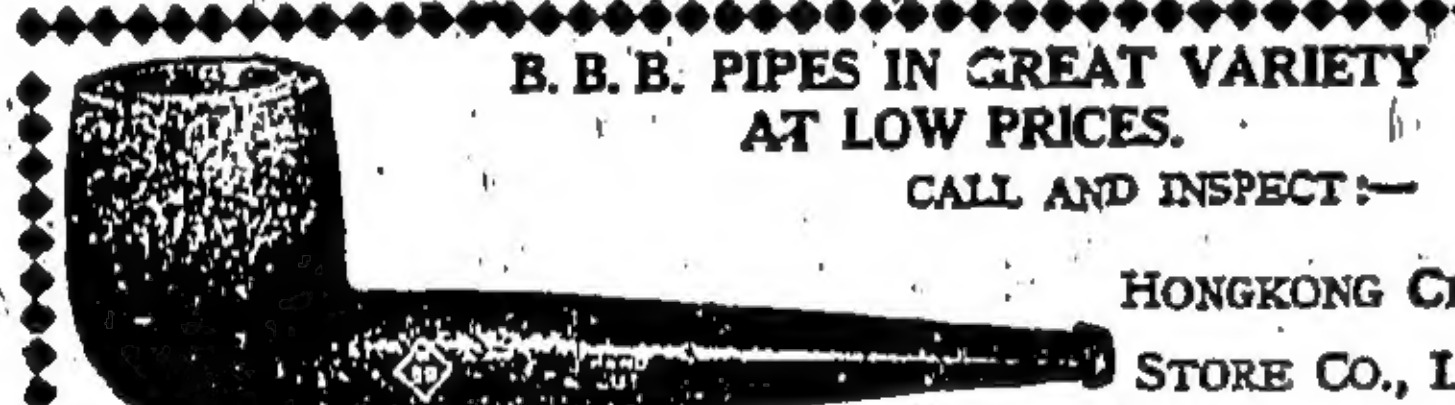
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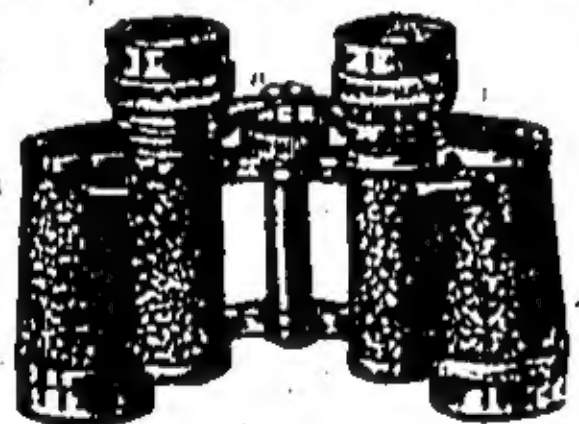


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BIRTH.

CLIFTON.—On February 14, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Clifton, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BEAUCHAMP-NICHOLL.—At St. John's Cathedral, on the 18th February, 1924, Richard Ralph, son of the late Sir Sidney Beauchamp of 8, William Street, London, and Lady Beauchamp of Salters Meadow, Penn., and Sarah Millicent, youngest daughter of the late William and Sarah Dakers Nicholl.

DEATH.

D'ALMEIDA.—On February 14, 1924, at Shanghai, Tony, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. d'Almeida, at the age of one year and four months.

TORKILDSEN.—On February 14, 1924, at Shanghai, Gerhard Sofus Torkildsen, Norwegian Chief Officer, aged 47 years.

The China Mail.

Hongkong Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1924.

CONVOYS.

Were we not given to levity—or only inclined to make use of it when the spirit moves us—we should be inclined to doubt that a certain gentleman with a consignment of rejuvenation glands did

successful attempts at piracy be traced to the same source. We can imagine the John Silvers of Kwangtung being thrown on the horns of a dilemma at this move of the Government, and looking around for fresh seas to scour and ships to scuttle. It may be that the depredations may be confined to the mainland and "My Government" have but another thorn in its flesh to extract. The system of convoys means an outlay of a kind never previously contemplated. Is the Colony to be saddled with the extra expense of the work of our Navy in this particular respect, or are taxpayers at home to have their heavy load of taxation added to? It is an important matter and one that brings into sharp relief the important question of an early peace in China. The system is weak in that it provides for safety on two courses, leaving out those others on which ships come and go. But who is there to advocate convoys on every trade route? We certainly do not. Rather than that we would almost reconcile ourselves to a blowing up of the countryside as advocated in these columns by an irate correspondent some time ago.

A Dock Strike.

A dock strike may be no worse than any other kind of strike. On the other hand it may be the worst form of strike that the mind of man can conceive—and without troubling to think too deeply on the matter we are prepared to say that it is. Many strikes have a local connection only. Not so a dock or a dockers strike. Such a strike is almost bound to make itself felt the world over—just as much in Hongkong as say in New York—causing as much damage and worry as it does to those who partake in it for some principle or other. The piece good merchant has sold so many cases of white shirts for delivery by a certain month. The cables have flashed the order, and Manchester has set itself to "fill" it. But a dock-strike prevents shipment and as the contract made in Hongkong stipulates for a time delivery, the Chinese buyer feels justified in refusing delivery of the goods when they do not reach him within scheduled time. This is a simple illustration and can be duplicated in regard to the numerous things which the Chinese market buys. Perhaps only in a seaport town can the awfulness of such a strike be realised. Dockers are not necessarily University or educated men. Their passions are easily roused and their view of their own case becomes jaundiced and out of all proportion to the true state of things. A strike of this nature generally lasts until Union funds run out or are on the verge of so doing. The men having time on their hands, brood—and like a Repertory Actor they continue brooding—often with disastrous effect. Rioting is not unknown and those ugly rushes in the dark on, partially protected shop premises become a fact. The mounted police and perhaps the military are called out, and innocent people are embroiled in the ruinous effect of a strike which perhaps ought never to have been. This is not a fanciful sketch. We have seen such a strike in operation with the incidents as mentioned. In this day of alleged enlightenment the word strike should be unheard of in the vocabulary of trade and commerce. Arbitration is the word. We are slowly coming to that stage, but we shall not arrive until those most concerned realise that like war strikes may be futile and unnecessary things. We have now a Parliament of the Nations almost. Someday perhaps we shall have a world parliament of Labour—or if that is too ambitious a Parliament of Labour (outside the House of Commons we mean) where capital and labour may in some way discuss those matters which affect both sides of the House to their mutual advantage. Our Levers and our Cashburies in their profit sharing and human fellowship have shown us how things can be done.

Partings.

How many of us notice the changes that are taking place in the Colony? We do not mean in its physical aspect—the changes there are great indeed—but in the official life of the place. In the space of a very short time the Colony, by resignation due to ill-health or the arrival of the age limit, has parted with, or is about to do so, three of its highest officials; and in the course of a few weeks this number will be

added to. Mr. Chatham went, to be succeeded by Mr. Perkins who seemingly carried on the old traditions. He has gone to be succeeded by Mr. Creasey from Colombo. We imagine it impossible for a new Director of Public Works to initiate a new regime in such a department as the P.W.D. Doubtless he grasps the reins and guides the chariot with perhaps a keener sense of enthusiasm. Mr. Irving is about to depart, having likened himself with regard to one part of the organisation he has controlled as a "mascot on the bonnet"—a particularly happy simile. His successor will come to a department in a most interesting stage, a stage demanding constant care and attention. Lastly there is Commander Beekwith whose tenure of the Harbour Mastership has been characterised with a breezy vigour. The names we have mentioned represent diversity of gifts—but we are sure gifts dominated by the same spirit—the efficiency of their departments and the welfare of the Colony as a whole. They have reflected the true incorruptible spirit of the British Civil Service. If there is virtue in doing work well for probably work well paid, they deserve all the good things that recently have been said of them. We may add our quota to that which has already been expressed. But ours is not for what they did—they got paid for that—but for the manner in which they did it.

DEMOCRACY.

We imagine there is no more democratic family than the Royal House and that H. M. The King holds democratic views regarding the upbringing of his family. Here for instance is Acting Sub-Lieutenant Prince George who has recently reached his twenty-first birthday and who is popularly known by his shipmates—for he is training for a naval career—as "P.G." He is the fourth son of the King and Queen and it has been at the King's special desire that the Prince, should be accorded no special privileges of any kind, but should always be treated exactly as the rest of his companions. Hence at Osborne, at Dartmouth, on his six month's training course in Téméraire, and then as midshipman on the Iron Duke and on his various instructional courses, he has been required to work as hard as his fellows, and has not been shown any favours whatever. This is a good example of practical and sensible democracy.

WELL-DRESSED.

Signor Mussolini has said it and we are inclined to believe it. "Do not imagine," he is quoted as saying, "that the people like to see the men at the head of affairs shabbily dressed. On the contrary, they love to see their leaders clothed in scarlet and making a show!"

SAVINGS.

Glasgow Savings Bank reports that its depositors have over £200,000,000 standing to their credit. The deposits for last year totalled £7,000,000. This seems remarkable in view of the trade depression, and a typical example of Scottish thrift. There are not many opportunities in Hongkong for the accumulating of savings in the old-fashioned manner. So far as we know our premier bank is the only one that has a savings department for Europeans as well as Chinese, but we do not know to what extent it is patronised, what is the number of its depositors and the total extent of their savings. Parents might do worse than open an account for their youngsters and early on impress them with the value of thrift. A popular feature at one time in certain schools at home was the Monday morning penny bank. Scholars brought their pennies and these were entered in a small pass book the proud possession of the young depositor.

HANDS UP.

The present Parliament is said to be remarkable by reason of the fact that it is the first since Jews were permitted to sit in the House of Commons that has not contained in that House a member of the Rothschilds. There are thirteen Jewish members in the Commons. Good heavens!

HEALTHY YEAR.

A great amount of space is considered that has been devoted during recent months by the British newspapers to the so-called small-pox epidemic in England. It comes as somewhat of a surprise to read that, according to the medical correspondent of the Times, the year 1923 has been the healthiest year in the history of the country. It appears that a remarkable decline in the mortality rate is recorded also. "One" is justified in remarking that there are some who believe that this change has taken place not because of any medical activities.

ECONOMY. The Labour Government will doubtless attempt many administrative economies and apply a keen axe to certain government departments. One will doubtless be the Ministry of Pensions whose staff is now 23,552 an increase of 633 on a year ago. This seems remarkable and more so when it is realised that the Government paid 400,000 less pensions last year.

REMARKABLE DEMISES.

The ways in which applications for insurance are filled up are often more amusing than enlightening, as the *British Medical Journal* shows in the following selection of examples:

"Mother died in infancy."

"Father went to bed feeling well, and the next morning woke up dead."

"Grandfather died suddenly at the age of 103. Up to this time he had fair to reach a ripe old age."

"Applicant does not know anything about maternal posterity, except that they died at an advanced age."

"Applicant does not know cause of mother's death, but states that she fully recovered from her last illness."

"Applicant has never been fatally sick."

"Applicant's brother, who was an infant, died when he was a mere child."

"Grandfather died from gunshot wound, caused by an arrow shot by an Indian."

"Applicant's fraternal parents died when he was a child."

"Mother's last illness was caused from chronic rheumatism, but she was cured before death."

FASHIONS.

What the latest of these is we certainly do not know. How they are regulated we are not quite aware of either, although a lady reader enlightens us somewhat and tells us how certain fashions came into being years ago. Thus Queen Victoria wore long skirts because her feet were big, and short sleeves because her arms were shapely. Marie Antoinette introduced the handkerchief because she had some molars extracted and as in those days there were no such things as false teeth she used the piece of linen to hold to her mouth to hide the gap shown every time the Court Jester popped over a good one. It all sounds very reasonable. But when we apply it to the short skirt vogue of 1923 and remember the "spindles" silk-hosed to our view, we begin to wonder. Fashions for men are another thing—although here again we profess ignorance. Of golf fashions we are assured that a certain style of dress is only for the plump man. No one expects for a thin man dressed in plus fours!

For a moment or so attention has been drawn to the work of Mr. Howard Carter on the tomb of Tutankhamen. Readers will remember the death of the leader of the expedition, Lord Carnarvon who must be figured amongst the greatest of the world's Egyptologists. The Earl came from cultured stock. There is a story current regarding his father who was a Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. On one occasion when attending the commencement exercises at Trinity College, Dublin, the public orator, as was the custom, first delivered a laboriously prepared eulogy in Latin. At the close the students called on the Lord Lieutenant for a speech. Thereupon he arose and obviously without preparation addressed his audience fluently in the same language for some ten or fifteen minutes—an evidence of scholarship, a little beyond the ordinary.

The Times quotes someone as having said that simplicity is a much misunderstood word. Ralph Waldo Emerson has two oft-quoted aphorisms on the matter: "Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be great is to be misunderstood."

Isaac Watts seems to have a word bearing indirectly on the matter: "Were I so tall to reach the pole, Or grasp the ocean with my span, I must be measured by my soul: The Mind's the standard of the man."

To-day's Poem. (Wasteful Woman.) Ah, wasteful woman—she that may On her sweet self set her own price, Knowing he cannot choose but pay— How has she cheapened Paradise!

How given for naught her priceless gift! How spoiled the bread and wine, Which spent with due respect and care, Had made brutes men, and men divine! —Coventry Patmore.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY 19.

1711. This proved a terrible rainy day, which prevented my walk into the city, and I was only able to run and dine with my neighbour Vanhomringh. . . . This evening was fair, and I walked a little in the Park, till Prior made me go with him to the Smyrna Coffee-house.—Swift.

MAN AND NATURE'S LAWS.

When an individual is miserable, what does it most of all do to him? To complain of this man or of that, of this thing or of that? To fill the world and the street with lamentation, obprobrium? Not so at all; the reverse of so. All moralists advise him not to complain of any person or of any thing, but of himself only. He is to know of a truth that being miserable he has been unwise, he. Had he faithfully followed nature and her laws, nature, ever true to her laws, would have yielded to him and increased and felicity to him; nature's laws; and now nature's patience with him being ended, leaves him desolate; answers with very emphatic significance to him. No. Not by this road, my son; by another road shalt thou attain well-being; this thou perceivest: is the road to ill-being; quit this! —Carlyle.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 19.—Coronet Theatre: "Charles Ray in 'The Girl I Loved.'"
February 19.—Star Theatre: "One Exciting Night."
February 19.—World Theatre: A Special All-Comedy programme.
February 21.—Theatre Royal: The Quaints in "Underground to Anywhere." 9.15 p.m.

SOCIAL.
February 19.—Organ recital in St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.
February 19.—Royal Air Force Re-union Dinner.

February 29.—At City Hall, Fancy Dress Ball, in aid of the S.P.C.A., 9.30 p.m.
March 1.—St. David's Society Dinner.

SPORTS.
February 20—23. Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting.
March 2.—Next Tournament of the H.K. Boxing Assn.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
February 19.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, telescopes, field glass, binoculars, etc., 2.30 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
February 23.—Annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at City Hall, 11.30 p.m.

February 25.—Thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's offices, 11 a.m.

February 28.—Annual Meeting of the H.K. Rope Manufacturing Company, at St. George's Bldg., Chater Road, 11 a.m.

March 3.—Thirty-fifth meeting of the H.K. Electric Co., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.

March 4.—Thirty-fifth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.

March 6.—Nineteenth Annual Meeting of shareholders of the Union Waterboat Co. Ltd. in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

LECTURE.
February 19.—At St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, Dr. H. Gordon Thompson gives account of his journey along the borders of Tibet.

HOCKEY.
The Hongkong Hockey Club v Army Officers.—The following will represent the Club on Wednesday, February 20, at the U.S. R.C. at 5 p.m. Club in colours:—Mills, C. L. R. Becher, G. Murray, G. H. Flery, E. J. R. Mitchell, the Rev. T. B. Powell, W. Woodward, F. C. Miller, W. Woodward, G. R. More, B. D. Evans (Capt.).

The following will represent Club Second Team v Navy A-Team at the Marino ground, Kowloon, at 5 p.m. Club in colours:—A. Bower, W. D. Edmunds (Capt.), T. R. Rowell, T. J. Price, the Rev. N. Evans, L. R. Blacking, D. Syon, F. H. Holdman, H. Mescock, F. Schnepel, J. C. Faers.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

T. T. exchange on London is 24½; on Shanghai 70.

A Chinese girl was injured through being accidentally knocked down by a motor-car near the Tai Ping theatre, yesterday.

"The Silver Wolf" for February again recounts in interesting fashion the doings of the Boy Scouts Association of Hongkong.

Stating that he had been assaulted by two compatriots at Fraya East, a ticket-collector employed by the Tramway Co., was sent to hospital with an injured leg yesterday.

The Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals has rightly earned the regard of true lovers of animals and for the quiet way in which the Society goes about its work of correction. Its expenses are necessarily heavy and to meet them it has recourse to an annual ball, February 29 is the date of the next one and as this is Leap Year the ball should take on an added interest. It is to be held in the City Hall and as a few tickets remain, there is still an opportunity for those who have not yet obtained them to apply for one or more. In so doing they assist a most deserving society and themselves to a very pleasant evening.

Orders for two large new passenger steamers of approximately 5,000 tons, each fitted with all the latest modern improvements have been placed by the Canadian Pacific with John Brown and Co., of Clydebank. These steamers are for the Canadian Pacific British Columbia Coastal Service, and will operate between Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle. They will have accommodation for 325 night passengers, and will cost in the neighbourhood of £300,000 each. The new vessels are to be ready and in service by the spring of 1925. This order will bring the amount spent by the Canadian Pacific on the Clyde to over £21,000,000 sterling.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald received the Chinese Charge d'Affaires at the Foreign Office yesterday morning, states a *Reuter* cable from London.

According to a *Reuter* cable from London, the Prince of Wales has recovered from his broken collar bone. Yesterday he attended a football match between Tottenham Kotspur and the Oxford University in aid of the Tottenham Hospital. His right arm was still in a sling. He was given an ovation by the crowd.

Lieut. Donald J. G. Watkinson, one of the officers to lose his life in the ill-fated L24, was twenty-four, and an old St. Paul's School boy, joining the Navy in 1918. After the war Lieut. Watkinson went to China in the "Curlew," and then to Turkey in the "Centaur." In December he was at the School of Instruction for Submarines. This was Lieut. Watkinson's first cruise in a submarine.

Shipping and Engineering (Shanghai) announces the death of an old China coaster, Captain Spencer Wilde, late of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., at the age of 69. The sad event took place in England on January 22. The deceased, who was well-known on the China Coast, joined the Indo-China Company in 1881 at the age of 26, and retired in 1917, after thirty-six years of good service.

A *Reuter* cable from Washington states that Senator Greene's condition is critical. Senator Greene, while walking on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, in the company of his wife, was wounded in the head during a duel between prohibition agents and bootleggers. The bullet which struck him did not remain in his head. It caused a slight fracture in the region of the frontal bone.

A wedding of more than usual interest was solemnized on Friday, February 8, in the British Legation Chapel in Peking, when Miss Eileen Mary Summers, daughter of Mr. H. D. Summers, of the Directorate-General of Posts, of Peking, and Mrs. Summers, became the bride of Mr. W. V. B. Hughes, British Vice-Consul at Shanghai and son of the late Rev. W. B. Hughes and Mrs. M. J. Hughes of Llanishan. The civil ceremony was held in the morning at the British Consulate, with Mr. W. B. Turner as officiating Consul, and the church service at two o'clock in the afternoon in the Legation Chapel, with the Right Rev. Bishop Norris of North China officiating.

WHAT WILL WIN?

TO-MORROW'S RACE MEETING.

LATEST PREDICTIONS UNCERTAIN.

ADVERSE WEATHER HAMPERING TRAINING.

Unusual conditions—different from anything within recent memory—have rendered it difficult, if not dangerous, to attempt anything in the way of predicting favorites for the various races in the first day's programme which will be carried out to-morrow.

Of primary importance, the weather has been far from what trainers have desired. In the earliest stages the track was on the hard side; then at a critical stage, it has rained on and off so that up to yesterday, the outer course had been open only once. To add to the confusion, a number of cracks have either gone off or pulled up lame. A few that cracked some time back are expected to have sufficiently recovered to be saddled to-morrow.

Mud on the lower parts of the outer (or actual racing) track is inches deep while jockeys and riding-boys have, to put it mildly, expressed their disapproval, especially after some of them have had tumbles.

Only very exceptional ponies can put up anything like identical performances on both soft and hard going. Some stables which have been able to retain the services of various jockeys, have not yet decided as to which ponies will be sent out for the individual races, hence the difficulty in drawing up a tabulated list of probabilities. On the other hand, some of the jockeys have several choices in more than one race and have not quite decided which to take. All will depend on the weather at noon to-morrow.

On one point critics seem to be fairly unanimous—that is the unsuitability of the three big griffins, Dark Mouse, Baronsfield and Gorgeous Dahlia, to the twists and turns of the Hongkong race-course. Baronsfield was reported "off" at one time and has since been seen out galloping but it is generally conceded that the others in his stable are his superiors. Dark Mouse is stated in one quarter to have shown himself most adaptable to the turns but he has not upheld the reputation he came with. Stories galore are associated with Sir Paul's strapping grey, these ranging from a strained shoulder to being quite fit. Little has been seen of him by early birds who line the rails, it being said that he must be galloped at two in the morning.

Jockeys Arrive.
At four o'clock yesterday afternoon, four more jockeys arrived from Shanghai, these being Messrs. Hill, Moller, Knoll and Bauld. Mr. Hill will ride principally for Messrs. Morris and Marshall and Mr. Moller will carry Sir Paul's colours together with Messrs. Burkill and Vida who are already here. Mr. Knoll has come for Mr. Henry Humphreys and Mr. Bauld will steer the mounts of a number of "small owners." Mr. Brand, who is just as well-known for his prowess here as in Shanghai, is to don the colours of Messrs. Stephen and Stitt. Nearly all of the local riders who have ridden in last season's gymkhana, will have mounts, amongst these being Mr. Matcham for Mr. Dyer's stable, Mr. Soares for Mr. Carroll, Mr. Charles for Sir Paul's, Mr. Zellensky for Ewo and Mr. Gibson and Mr. Seth.

To-morrow's Races.
Of importance in that it is supposed to give an indication of "what's what" in the Derby, is the Trial Plate, 1 1/4 miles, for griffins. Here it should be mentioned that in previous years, the Trial Plate winner has, on occasions, not been placed in the big event. Two "chiefs" in Tynan and Fijian are recalled in this respect although the latter won the Maiden Stakes of 3/4 mile. The Racing Stakes of 1 mile is open to ponies which have never won an official race and griffins and a few Derby probabilities may be kept for this race as the most suitable jockey may not be available earlier in the day.

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CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

UNIVERSITY HONOURS MARKS ITS PROGRESS.

MR. IRVING'S FAREWELL.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education attended his last prize distribution in Hongkong this morning. Giving out the awards at the Central British School (Kowloon), he congratulated the school on its excellent progress, stating that he found nothing at all to criticize this year. The school's University successes were an indication of the great improvement in the work mainly due to the hard-working staff and the undoubted zeal of the students. The Central British School, now, continued Mr. Irving, had as strong a staff as any in the Colony. He hoped that in the near future, its success would be marked by the erection of a brand new building.

On the platform with the Hon. Mr. Irving were Lady Stubbs, Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh, Mr. E. Ralphs, the Reverend Mr. Lindsay (St. Andrew's), Mr. Copley (St. John's Cathedral), Mr. Johnstone (Union Church), Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale, and Mr. B. Wylie.

Before the distribution of prizes, Mr. G. Nightingale, the Headmaster, presented the annual report which read as follows:—

In his report the Headmaster (Mr. G. F. Nightingale) said:—A brief review of the growth of this school will be interesting. In September, 1919, there were 64 children on the Roll in Classes 14 and Kindergarten. In February, 1921, the numbers had increased to 144 and we were in a seriously congested condition, cloak rooms and common rooms being used as class rooms. The removal of the Junior School to Gun Club Hill relieved this congestion and we were left with an attendance of 86 at the Senior School. Again the numbers increased and in 1922 two extra class rooms were built to meet our requirements. One of these new class rooms was required for a Physics laboratory, and as the numbers had again increased it was decided this year to build six new class rooms, in the playground.

In November this school became the Central British School.

Attendance Good.
In 1923 the school was open on 98 days. In January there were 91 children on the Roll, in December 116. The average daily attendance in January was 89, in December 107. The attendance on the whole was good in spite of absences due to malaria and dengue fever, and the absence of some children during the wet season. There were very few cases of children being kept from school for trivial reasons. In most cases a note from the parents stating that their children were not well and requesting that they might be allowed to go home if they were unable to continue their work at school. This is an excellent state of affairs and shows that most of the parents here realize the value of regular and punctual attendance at school.

Parental Co-operation.
I wish all parents to understand that I am always pleased to meet them at the School to discuss questions relating to their children and to show them the School and the work done. They should realize that, for the efficient working of a school and the success of the pupils, something more than the teaching of the staff is required—the active co-operation of the parents. If they will trust us implicitly and realize that we give of our best to their children, and if they will refrain from criticizing the School and the staff in the hearing of their children, then the future work of the School will be even better than it is to-day.

Parents can help us by taking an active interest in their children's work, whether done at home or at school, by inspecting their books and by insisting on a methodical preparation of home work.

Staff Changes.
There were several additions to the staff during the year. In May Mr. Rowell came to take charge of Physics and Chemistry, and Mr. Reeves was transferred from Queen's College in December. Mrs. Meacock joined us in September, Miss Dyer, the Physical Instruction Mistress, in June, and Miss Thompson, who came to us from Beales School and has charge of the Senior Geography, Nature Study and Singing, in December.

The Rev. Noel Evans was transferred to Queen's College in May and Mrs. Hall resigned in December.

The school buildings were repaired during the summer holidays and new equipment provided. Alterations were effected in the new class rooms to improve the lighting and ventilation.

General debility. The doctors' diagnosis included rheumatism, neurasthenia, hysteria, and disturbance of the thyroid and other glands.

At last the plaintiff was suspected and found to contain mercury. In the six years she had rubbed on her face 18 ounces of Mercury which had caused chronic poisoning.

It took her 15 months to recover for her skin after the use of the ointment was stopped.

Beauty Poison.
WOMAN'S SIX YEARS' ILLNESS.

An extraordinary case of a woman who was made ill for six years by the habitual use of a cosmetic cream is recorded by two German physicians, Dr. A. Alexander and Dr. K. Meidel. She went from one physician to another, complaining of head-aches, pain in the back, dragging pain in the limbs, sleeplessness,

Permission to use the Hall for Divine Service was granted to the Committee of the Union Church.

The School was visited on many occasions by the Director of Education, the Inspector of English Schools, Mr. Wylie, and other members of the Board of Education.

A new School Prospectus was issued in November and gives full information concerning the School.

Children's Health "Excellent."
The health of the children was good. The Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Woodman, who inspected the School in February and October, reported very few cases of defective teeth and eyes. The following extract from his October report is interesting:

"The general health of the children is excellent. Four cases of bad teeth and two of Anaemia were found. Generally speaking the whole of the children gained in height but the younger children gained very little in weight and several lost weight which was expected after the summer. The elder children, especially the boys, put on weight and nearly all had grown over one inch in the eight months since the last examination. One boy had grown three inches and gained sixteen pounds. The general appearance of the children is much more healthy after the hot weather than would be expected. In several cases where it was the children's first summer in Hongkong there were slight signs that they had felt the hot weather more than those who had been out longer."

The percentage of children requiring Medical attention is smaller here than in the large cities of Great Britain. This is due to the healthy, out-door life of the children of this Colony.

Climatic Effects.

During the year Intelligence Tests were conducted by Professor Forster of Hongkong University and in his report he states that the results show that a positive relation exists between a short stay in the Colony and a high Intelligence Quotient. Of the first twelve on the list who are above the average only two have been in the Colony more than 3 1/2 years. On the other hand, of the thirteen pupils at the bottom of the list only two have been less than four years in the Colony. The results seem to show that it is possible that the effect of climate is not great in the first years of a child's stay in the Colony, the child showing results as good as or even better than those that are produced in England. It would seem that it is only towards the fifth year that the mental life shows signs of deterioration, and that the store of energy brought by the pupils into the Colony shows signs of decrease.

Professor Forster suggests that the first effects of the climate are to stimulate, like a drug, the mental growth, and then, after the early excitement, produce that after depression which is also characteristic of some drugs. This may explain the high Intelligence Quotient of the pupils examined who have resided only a short time in the Colony and also the low quotients of those who have remained a longer period in the Tropics.

The Memory Tests also seemed to show that length of stay in the Colony has a similar effect.

Professor Forster's curve for the Fatigue Test in this School showed a similar result, the boys being generally above the girls, evidently because they possess greater energy.

The numbers tested were small and it would be interesting to discover if these deductions are justified after Intelligence, Mental and Fatigue Tests have been made in all British Schools in the East.

University Successes.

13 boys and 10 girls were examined by the Hongkong University and of these 3 boys and 1 girl matriculated. C. Evans and W. Jenner gaining distinctions in English; C. Evans being awarded the Montargis French Prize. 1 boy and 3 girls passed the Senior Local Examination. M. Whitley gaining distinction in Drawing, 6 boys and 4 girls passed the Junior Local Examination. A. Hill gaining distinctions in Arithmetic, English and Drawing; S. Whitley in English and C. MacArthur in Drawing. Thus 78 per cent of the candidates passed, 3 distinctions being gained.

Although it should be included in the report for the year 1924, I must announce that two of the boys who passed the Matriculation Examination in November, W. Jenner and C. Evans are now at the University taking the Engineering course. They were granted scholarships by Sir Paul Chater. One girl, Elsie Ball, was awarded an Education Scholarship at the University. They are the first pupils from this school to enter the Hongkong University and we feel confident that their progress here will further credit

on this School. We hope that every year will see boys and girls in ever increasing numbers entering the University from this School. I appeal to those interested in the education of British children to endow Scholarships as an incentive to the parents to allow their children to remain longer at the School and to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the local University.

I wish parents to note that the Senior Local certificate is no longer considered "the leaving certificate" of this School. Most of the pupils who passed the Senior Local Examination in 1922 remained at the School and passed the Matriculation Examination in November, 1923.

Study of English.
Steady progress is being made in the study of English. English, as a school subject, must include the learning of set books, the reading, in school and at home, of various plays, poetry, essays, etc., the teaching of reading aloud, and the encouragement of original composition. The more one can read the better. The real aim of the teaching of English is to help boys and girls to acquire style, accuracy in thinking, and a real love of the subject. More and better books are being read by the senior classes here and the nucleus of a real Library of Standard works has been formed. In 1924 we shall have a number of supplementary Readers in each Class.

Annual Examination.

In the Annual School Examination held in November the percentage of marks required for promotion was raised in all classes. The high percentage required will ensure a higher standard of work throughout the School and will reduce the number of those who, as in the past, are content to "just scrape through" the examinations. The pupils will be interested to know that we propose to impose a still higher standard for promotion at the end of the School Year, in November next, and that preparatory to this all who fail to pass the Midsummer Examination in July next will be demoted to a lower class.

The results of the Annual Examination were satisfactory. Great improvement was shown in English subjects, especially in Composition and Literature. The results of the examination in Algebra and Geometry, subjects now taken by all boys and girls except those in Classes 5 and 6, show that good work in these subjects may be expected in the future in the upper part of the School.

European and Modern History is now taken in Classes Matriculation, 1 and 2, and English History in Classes 3-6. The results of the examination were satisfactory. Geography also showed good results. The general neatness of all written work was a notable feature of the examination. This was to be expected as this year we adopted Script Writing in Classes 3 to 6. The Nature Study, Elementary Science and Music papers were uniformly good. French showed improvement but is still a weak subject. It would show still greater improvement if parents would encourage their children to appreciate the value—commercially and otherwise—of a knowledge of the French language.

The Woodwork examination was very satisfactory. The Cookery Classes did satisfactory work.

In May an Old Pupils' Association was formed with Mr. Ralphs as President and Mr. Wylie as Vice-President.

A school troop of Boy Scouts was formed in November under Scoutmaster Tarrant and it is hoped to form a troop of Wolf Cubs in the near future. We have also Girl Guides and Brownies attached to the School.

(Continued on page 3.)

STOP PRESS.

EMPIRE SQUADRON SPORT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, February 19. In the inter-squadron boxing match (H.M.S. "Carlisle") and Turner/H.M.S. "Carlisle" were the winners.

The Special Service Squadron won the other five events. At Rugby Malays beat the Service Squadron 21 to 3.

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"ALIPPO"	5,273	27th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KARMA"	5,098	8th Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KIDDERPORE"	5,234	11th Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"NALLDERA"	18,933	22nd Mar.	B'way, M'los, London & Antwerp
"PAHUA"	5,297	22nd Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"SIOLIA"	8,813	28th Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"KHYBER"	9,014	5th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"NELORE"	6,452	9th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"CHINA"	7,931	13th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SUDAN"	8,896	26th Apr.	S'pore, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"KASHMIR"	9,118	3rd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	9,014	17th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,093	24th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	9,093	31st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,840	14th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,911	28th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMA"	9,093	12th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	26th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"JAPAN"	6,052	13th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)			
"EASTERN"	4,000	29th Feb.	Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
"ARAFURA"	6,000	2nd Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,100	30th Apr.	do.

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"PADUA"	5,097	27th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"CHINA"	7,931	5th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"NELORE"	6,452	9th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"SIOLIA"	8,813	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,118	18th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"JAPAN"	6,052	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	9,093	26th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,100	30th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"FLASSY"	7,435	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KHYBER"	9,014	2nd May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"EASTERN"	4,000	14th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,840	17th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MOREA"	10,911	30th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KARMA"	9,093	13th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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COMMERCE.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, basis usual guild terms, were as follows—

Java Sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 24 rough white \$16.04; No. 24 fine white \$17.80; No. 18 rough brown \$15.20.
Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net Siam No. 1 long white—superior old crop \$8.85; superior new crop \$8.50; Saigon No. 1 long white \$7.65.
Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Dayton \$2.74; Banana \$2.70; Mollue Fair \$2.70; Sperry & XXX \$3.64; White Greens \$2.76; Nutmeg Orange \$2.75; White Rose \$2.72; C. & C. \$2.82; Reindeer \$2.83.

NEW JAPANESE LOAN.

LONDON, February 8.
Subscriptions for the Japanese loan amount to about £45,000,000, AMSTERDAM, February 17.
The Dutch portion of the Japanese international loan has been considerably oversubscribed.
The Times says that when details are made available it will probably be found that the public response to the Japanese loan has been such as to make the issue rank as one of the greatest foreign loan successes of recent years.—*Reuter.*

LONDON, February 17.
Stock Exchange dealings in the new Japanese loan began at 1 1/2 per cent. premium.
It is stated that Stock Exchange applications for £1,000 and upwards of the Japanese loan will receive ten per cent. and upwards.
The loan is now at 1 1/2 premium.

STRIKE AND COTTON TRADE.

LONDON, February 18.
As regards the effect of the dockers' strike on the cotton trade, the Manchester Guardian says that the effect on imports of raw cotton is unimportant at present as stocks held in Great Britain amount to 879,000 bales. A short time movement has started and a export lock-out is threatened, but if the export trade be suspended for any length of time, probably a great curtailment of production will be necessary.—*Reuter.*

BOMBAY MILLS REOPEN.

BOMBAY, February 17.
All mills reopened this morning, but the operatives have not returned. They have assumed a threatening attitude, and some grain shops have been looted, but up to the present there has been no serious disturbance.—*Reuter.*

TAXATION OF TOBACCO.

PEKING, February 17.
According to Chinese reports, the Government have not yet obtained Chi Hsieh-yuan's obedience regarding the cessation of illegal taxation on foreign tobacco, and the British Legation has sent another Note urging immediate pressure on Chi Hsieh-yuan.—*Reuter.*

BIG PROPERTY SALE.

The leasehold property known as the China Specie Bank Building, with frontages of over 90 feet in both Leopold Street and Duddell Street, was sold by public auction yesterday afternoon for \$226,000 to Mr. Wong Kwong-in, a member of the Hongkong Sanitary Board, who is the Secretary of the Kai Tak Land Investment Co. Ltd., No. 26, Des Vaux Road Central.

As the property has an area of approximately 5,500 square feet, the price paid works out at nearly \$41 per square foot.

The sale was conducted by Messrs. Lamont Bros., Auctioneers, on the orders of the mortgagees and there was a large attendance. Bidding was commenced at \$180,000 and the price rose to \$200,000 in four bids, two of \$1,000 each and two of \$9,000 each. From then onwards the price was raised by bids either of \$1,000 or \$500 and the competition was keen.

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DIVIDEND.

Messrs Benjamin & Potts are in receipt of a telegram from their Shanghai Office advising that The Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd., has declared a final dividend of Tls. 4 1/2, making Tls. 7 per share for the year ending 31st December 1923. The net profit was Tls. 205,523.

PHILIPPINE TRADE.

AMERICA ALWAYS THE BEST CUSTOMER.

MANILA, January 30.
More than 50 per cent. of the total foreign trade of the Philippine Islands for the year 1923 went to the United States, according to figures obtained from the Customs Bureau. Of the total foreign trade, amounting to \$208,552,737, business amounting to \$135,399,737 went to the United States. Of the total trade handled by the United States, \$85,047,023 represented the value of exports from the Philippines and the balance imports from that country to the Islands.

The imports from the United States by way of the Atlantic coast in 1923 amounted to \$27,571,452 while imports through the Pacific seaboard were valued at only \$22,380,415. On the other hand Philippine products exported to the United States through the Pacific coast were valued at \$43,812,820 against \$41,233,072 sent by way of Atlantic ports.

Japan came next to the United States in the total volume of trade, her share being valued at \$15,749,553. Great Britain was third with a total of \$11,664,706. Spain's trade with the Philippines during 1923 amounted to \$5,000,000.

MARKED ADVANCE OF 1923.
The total foreign and domestic trade of the Philippine Islands for the year 1923 amounted to \$208,552,737 compared with \$175,280,942 for the previous year, showing an increase of \$32,771,794, according to figures made public by the Bureau of Customs.
The exports for 1923 amounted to \$120,752,090 and the imports to \$87,799,747, showing a balance of trade in favour of the Philippines of \$32,953,243.

AMONGST THE FISH.

WHERE FOKIS SLEPT.

GODOWN PUZZLE SOLVED.

When is a godown not a godown?

When several foks camp on the premises would appear to be the answer according to a case heard before Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Summary Court to-day. Seemingly it then becomes a "domestic tenement" within the meaning of the Rents Ordinance and the tenant is entitled to hang on to the possession of it for as long as he chooses to pay the rent. Nor can the landlord say him nay.

The case which made this clear this morning was one in which the owner of a godown in Connaught Road West brought an action against his tenants, a firm of commission agents, who had refused to get out in spite of a notice to quit.

Mr. J. M. Remedios, whose first case it was since his recent admission as a solicitor, appeared on behalf of the owner and called Mr. U. Gonella, an authorised architect from the firm of Hazeland and Gonella, to support his contention that the place was used solely as a godown.

Mr. Gonella said he inspected the premises and found them stocked up with dried fish. On one floor there was a sort of smoking divan.

Mr. Justice Gompertz remarked during the hearing of Mr. Gonella's evidence that he always thought the only way to settle this question was to pay a surprise visit at night. "A bed by night becomes a floor by day," His Honour observed.

The plaintiff's real collector said that he too inspected the premises and found nothing but goods there. Cross-examined by the defendant's solicitor, Mr. F. G. Vaux, he answered nearly every question put to him with an emphatic "nothing but goods" which drew from His Honour the remark that he was "what one might call a whole-hearted witness."

Mr. Vaux called evidence to show that there were some thirteen foks living on the premises and His Honour decided that he had to accept this evidence and give judgment for the defendants. It was very difficult, he pointed out, for a European going around these buildings to say whether there were beds there or not if they were hidden behind salt fish or other delicacies.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per P. & O. S.S. "Sudan" on Feb. 19.—Mrs C. M. C. D'Aguiar, Mr A. L. D'Aguiar, Rev. and Mrs J. S. Kunkle.

The Customs records show that during 1923 the price of sugar exported was much higher than that obtained in 1922. The total exports of sugar in 1923 were approximately 299,181 tons valued at \$39,541,623 against 398,278 tons valued at \$25,582,550 in 1922.—*Reuter's Pacific Service.*

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SHANGHAI via SWATOW	WANGKANG	Fri., 22nd Feb., 7 a.m.
Kobe via SHANGHAI	HOSANG	Fri., 22nd Feb., 4 p.m.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Sat., 23rd Feb., 11 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	WINGSANG	Sun., 24th Feb., 10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	HISANG	Tues., 26th Feb., 1 p.m.
STRAITS and CALCUTTA	KUTSANG	Wed., 27th Feb., 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	TUNGKANG	Fri., 29th Feb., 7 a.m.
YINCHIN	CHONGKANG	Wed., 5th Mar., Noon

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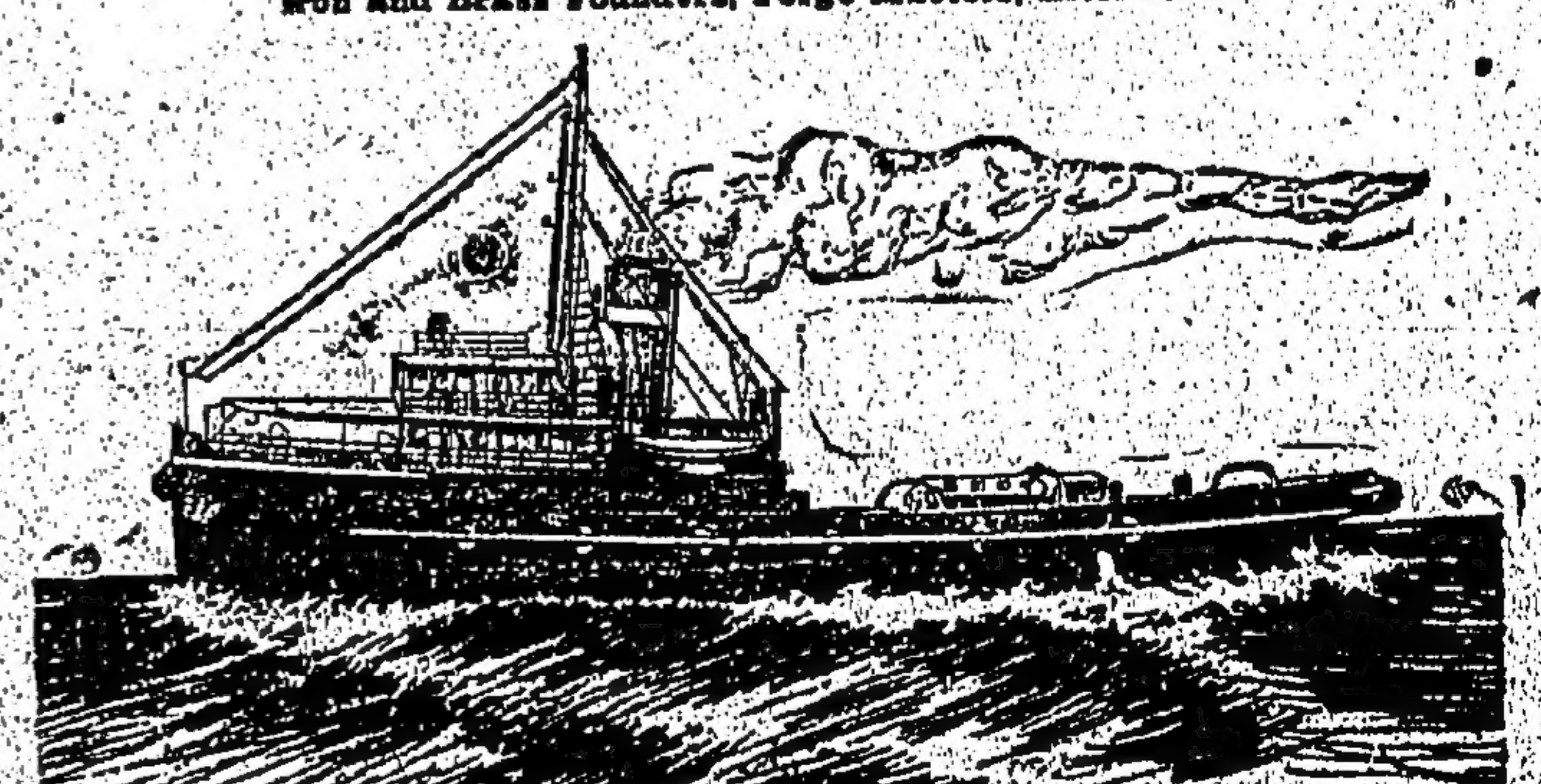
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CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL

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Many books were added to the Library during the year through the generosity of St. George's Society, and many friends of the School who also supplied magazines and illustrated papers. Illustrations and extracts from these were regularly posted on the notice boards. Letters were received from children in other parts of the Empire and answers were sent.

Plenty of Sport.

The Committee of the Kowloon Cricket Club, with their usual generosity and readiness allowed us to play cricket matches on their ground. Inter-House matches and a match with Queen's College were played. In the playground we had cricket nets and matting, and cricket practice took place every day. The Fives Court was used during the cool months and Hockey Ball also was played. Basket and Football were the favourite games. Tennis was popular, especially among the girls. I hope that the part of the playground reserved for tennis will be returned so that, although our playing area is much reduced, we may be able to arrange cricket, tennis and basket ball practice on the ground.

Two periods a week—altogether 2½ hours—are devoted to Physical Drill, Boxing and Singstick under Sergeant Marriott.

Swimming was very popular during the summer months, and our thanks are due to the President and Committee of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club for

KOCHOW ASHORE.
WEST RIVER STEAMER STRANDED.

West River steamers have brought in a report that the s.s. "Kochow," one of the best-known vessels on the Hongkong-Wuchow run, is ashore on the banks of the river near Kaukong.

The "Kochow" was on a down trip with cargo and passengers from Wuchow and the river had risen about ten feet with a strong current. It is stated that in trying to keep too close to the banks the "Kochow" was carried slightly off her course till she grounded.

A sister ship, the "Taiming" was dispatched to the scene to tow the "Kochow" off but her efforts were, at the time of the report, of no avail.

Wuchow steamers are now getting a fair amount of freight and the temporary loss of the "Kochow's" services has caused more than a little inconvenience to shippers and traders.

Inquiries were made at the Kwong Wing Co., agents for the "Kochow," by the "China Mail" when it was gathered that the ship is embedded several feet in the river-bank at Bak Ngai, near Samshui, Hoihow. The "Taiming," Kwong Wing and "Wo Kwai" all passed hawsers to the vessel and attempted to tow but in each case the wire-ropes snapped.

All the cargo except a shipment of firewood, has been transhipped for Hongkong by the "Sing On," and the several hundred passengers have returned to Hoihow.

The Kwong Wing Co. states that its information is that the grounding is due to fog.

The Company expects that it will take some time to get the "Kochow" off.

Last week 74 cases of small-pox were reported and there were 70 deaths from the disease. Thirteen fresh cases were notified yesterday.

During the past few days, the Thames has risen rapidly, measurements showing the water more than 3ft above the summer level. Bang-alow dwellers on the banks are becoming apprehensive, but at the moment there is no danger of their residences being flooded.

drawbacks due to climate, compares favourably with secondary schools at home.

You will all join with me in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Irving many years of happy retirement.

Prize List.

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Mr. W. G. Wheller's Prize for Arithmetic. (Junior Local).—A. Hill.

Mrs. Nightingale's Prizes for Writing.—J. Raven and E. Mead.

Mr. H. B. Mould's Prizes for Woodwork.—Class 3, J. Maycock; Class 4, D. Davidson.

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Class Prizes for General Proficiency.—Class 1, C. Evans; Class 2, A. Hill; Class 3b, J. Maycock; Class 3g, J. Barth; Class 4, K. Hammond; Class 5, R. Woolley; Class 6b, A. Mitchell; Class 6g, A. MacArthur.

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Others were raised for the visions, the Headmaster and the staff by the enthusiastic students.

OBITUARY.
MR. L. SANDERCOCK.

Peking, January 6.—Many sincere friends throughout China will learn with deep regret of the sudden death of Mr. L. Sandercok of the Maritime Customs, which occurred in unusually sad circumstances.

Mr. Sandercok, who has recently been stationed at Mukden as Commissioner, went to Shanghai with his wife and children and saw them off of England on a holiday. Mr. Sandercok took the train from Shanghai with the intention of returning to his post at Mukden, but just before reaching Tsinan he suddenly died. It is believed that apoplexy was the cause of death. The body was taken off the train at Tsinan by the orders of Mr. Touts, British Consul-General there.

It is not known whether the telegram announcing Mr. Sandercok's death will reach Mrs. Sandercok at Hongkong. The death occurred on the 4th instant.—*Reuter's Pacific Service.*

MR. H. C. EMERY.

Peking, February 7.—A telegram received in Peking to-day, conveyed the sad news that Mr. Henry C. Emery, formerly manager of the A.M. Banking Corporation at Peking, died of double pneumonia on board ship between Shanghai and Kobe and was buried at sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery were in Peking recently and left here to return to their home in New York. Last year Mr. and Mrs. Emery made a long tour through Mongolia. During several years' residence in Peking they made numerous friends in North China to whom this news will come as a severe shock.—*Reuter's Pacific Service.*

MR. JOHN KAVANAGH.

Smallpox claimed another victim in the Shanghai foreign community when Mr. John M. Kavanagh, young accountant of the British Cigarette Company, died after an illness of but a few days.

Mr. Kavanagh, was only 26 years old. He had been a resident of Shanghai only since last November, coming from Manila. He was a native of Australia and is survived by his mother, a brother and a sister in Sydney. He went to Manila three years ago and was for a time connected with the firm of Smith Bell and Co., Ltd. Later he went into business for himself, and came to Shanghai last November, joining the B.A.T.

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(A Dedication.)

What in me is dark illumine
What is low, raise and support
That to the height of this great
argument
I may assert eternal providence
And justify the ways of God to men.

—Milton.

The green-clad ways of each
grass-blade
Up to man from Your greatness
wrought

Are friends in the vaults of an
earth-bed,
When extinction and death consort.

But when life seemed a madden-
ing maelstrom
And solitude fell to my lot,
Then earth-ways were made a bit
sweeter—
I was nearer to Thee, O God!

When I stood on the highways of
sorrow
And dream-castles went back to
the sod,
Then I pledged all my faith on
that morrow
When I'll be nearer to Thee, O
God!

When I dwell on the alleys of
error
And my pains seemed a chasten-
ing rod—
Then when death had lost all of
it's terror,
I was nearer to Thee, O God!

I'm in a school of things unreal
Where lessons of grief I am
taught—
Though waves buffet me, I'll be
leal,
And verge nearer to Thee, O God!

When I leave all these streets of
illusion
These by-paths of wrong, souls
have trod
I shall seek no other delusion—
For I'll be nearer to Thee, O God!

Though my sins exact retribution
While my good find here no re-
ward
If shall earn divine compensation
(When I'm nearer to Thee, O God!)

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Advice To Students.
And now, I have only a word to say to the students of this University who are by far the most important part of the present meeting, and especially the Chinese students. I have said it before very often, and it is substantially the same as Mr. Hornell has said in the course of his address. You are here to acquire the learning of Europe. Do your best to acquire as fully and as thoroughly as you can whatever

more chance of something being done in that direction before the situation becomes really serious next January. Let me say, however, that for the Hong Kong Government to make such a decision to reduce the education students, to whose hardship case I referred a few weeks ago, is a makeshift provision that has not been possible if they are housed in the old St. Stephen's premises, unless such time as the purchasers are able to pull them down but I am not coward enough to feel that the responsibility

city in China which definitely lay behind it a mere third of the electorate there, we proudly point to it as the supreme illustration of the British spirit of compromise!" Again he was talking about the other day with the prominent agent in the Colony, a nationality not my own, when he said that China had now been in a state of confusion for a dozen years and it was imperative that we should settle down. I ventured to ask him whether in his language there was any distinctive name for what we know in England as the hundred years' war. "Let us, by all means," he said, "help us to a people faced by analogous problems, but save for the memorable protestation of our own interests, let us strain from all needless artificialities the handling of what, after all, their problems and not ours.

One last word as to the truth have to stand based on to my successor. I have handed over to you as I believe, an institution that

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THE QUAINTS.

Hongkong is in for another good time, for R. B. Salisbury and his happy band of Quaints are due to open for a short season at the Theatre on Friday next. The programmes to be submitted are exceptional and quite out of the ordinary. They include "The Beggar's Opera," "The Nine O'Clock Revue" and the things for which the Quaints alone are famous. Booking is at Mourles

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He was born in 1854, at Charleston, South Carolina, and when a boy of about seven years of age heard the first shot at Fort Sumpter, one of the most famous places in the American Civil War. After qualifying in his profession, he first came out to Bangkok in 1886 as a member of the Medical Staff of the American Presbyterian Mission from which he resigned a year later. It was then he joined the United States Navy, as Surgeon General of the Navy, a position he filled with marked ability and acceptance to the Government for the long period of twenty-five years. He also served for some years as Court Physician.

He was prominent in the development of local commerce and industry, and in his time served on the boards of directors of most of the principal companies in Bangkok. At the time of his death he was chairman of the Bangkok Dock, the Meklong Railway Company, Ltd., the Paknam Railway Company, Ltd., and the Siam Steam Packet Company, Ltd. All of these companies had the benefit for many years of his ripe experience and his great business ability.

London, February 18.—In connection with the Sino-German agreement with regard to Germany's war indemnity, the *Times* says that the payment is made to China, and that China should remove the notice of invalidation from the outstanding bonds issued by Germany, as this should be followed by the prompt removal of the Sino-Exchange ban on certain Chinese securities. The *Times* doubts whether Germany has the credit necessary to take full advantage of the opportunity of developing trade with China.—*Reuter*.

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The series of memory tests to which we have made reference culminated last night in the annual recital in the City Hall when the Andrews's Hall was crowded to doors to listen to the sumptuous feast provided by the Professor and his pupils. The programme consisted of thirty items from the works of Saint Saens, Beethoven, Grieg, Macdowell, Chaminade, Mozart, Chopin, Debussy, Schubert and others, and in all the efforts made was crowned with fine perception the composer's aim and the technical skill to bring it forth. We have come to learn as the result of Professor Danzberg's tutorial efforts: Last night's was the apex of the series and it had interest only from the fact that Mrs. J. A. Rozar, who commenced the series, was the first to appear. Miss Elfrida Ommundsen appeared and played at the piano. In conclusion Professor Danzberg

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which he ground played a cycle
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Miss Caroline Braga, Miss M
Alves, Miss E. de Rocha and
Miss Rosário were also
Miss Lady Chavalla entered
the spirit of a Russian dance w

Miss Lilian Chenailsky showed fine powers of technique in a cycle of three C. G. Alves, Miss E. Bell and Master George Bond and A. Dawson added also to their prowess and helped to make the afternoon the success it was. Miss Winifred Robinson must also be mentioned for her part in an Impromptu Roco for two pianos. Master Emil Danenberg obviously created much interest and was accorded an encore. His first public recital is to be given on March 17, next and will doubtless be attended in large numbers. Congratulations to these youngsters, all of whom are pupils alike for the most part in the cause of good music. The pianos used were supplied by the Anderson Music Co. and Messrs. S. Mautrie Co. and proved very fine instruments.

London papers record the death of Miss Kate Terry, elder sister of Miss Ellen Terry. She was born in 1844, and had many notable successes on the Lyceum and elsewhere in a brief stage career which closed in 1867.

A Diplomatic Correspondent states that the text of the Anglo-American liquor traffic treaty in being circulated among the Dominions Governments, as during the recent Imperial Conferences their representatives expressed a wish to see the document.

While being towed from Philadelphia to Baltimore to be broken up, the American battleship "Louisiana" broke from the tow and was, for some time adrift in the Atlantic with seven men aboard. According to later messages: she has been found seventy miles off Cape Henry, and tugs are going to her assistance.

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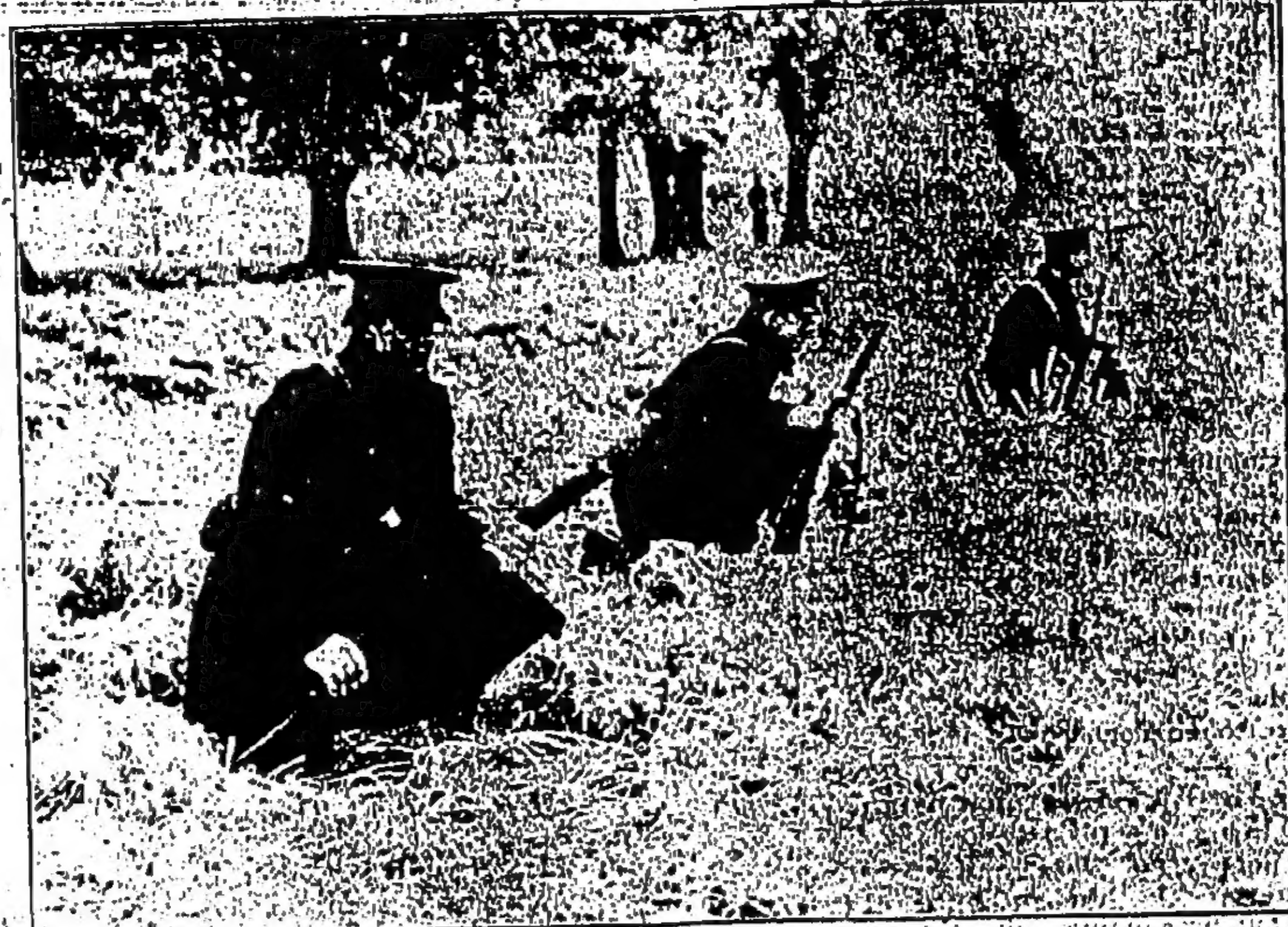


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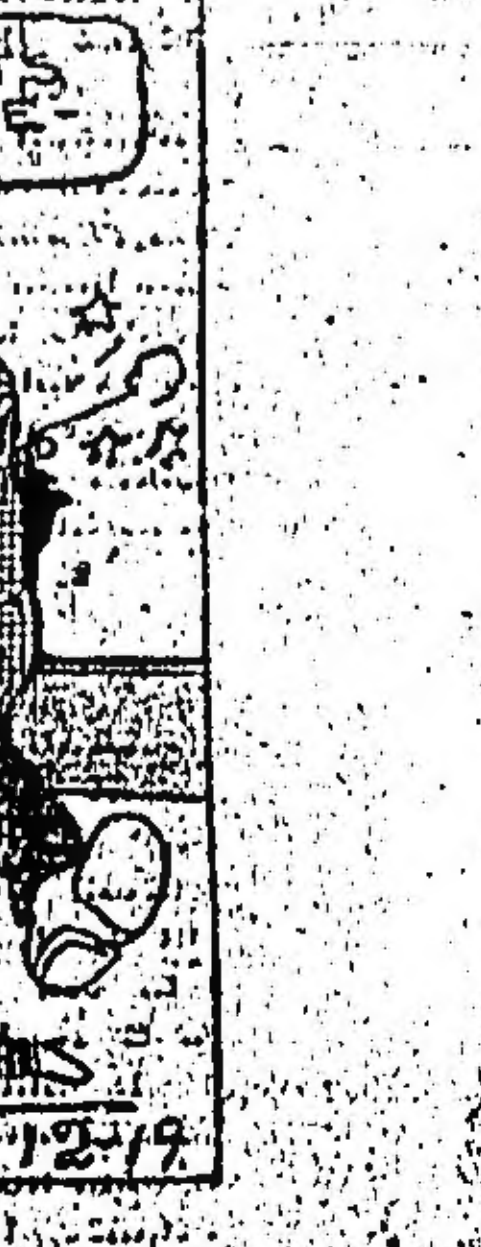
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WEATHER REPORT.

February 19th 11h 30m.—Pressure
has increased considerably at
Wladivostok and slightly at
Chefoo and Haiphong. It has de-
creased slightly over Formosa and
is nearly stationary over Kwang-
tung and the Philippines.

An anticyclone has formed over
S.E. Mongolia. Gradients are
shallow over the China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.12 in-
ches. Total since January 1st, 4.24 inches,
against an average of 2.54 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on February 20, 1924.
1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds,
moderate.
2.—South coast of China between
Hankow and Lanchow. E. winds,
moderate; overcast, rain, fog.
3.—Hongkong to the Hook. E. winds,
moderate; overcast, rain, fog.
4.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Hainan. S. winds,
moderate; overcast, rain, fog.

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FEBRUARY 19, 1924.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Baromet. at Sea Level.	Thermom. Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.
Vladivostok	8 a.m.	30.01	13	—	—	0
Vernoy	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Yakutsk	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Tokto	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Nagasaki	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Kobe	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Kagoshima	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Osaka	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Naha	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Shanghai	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Amoy	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Chanko	8 a.m.	30.10	38	10	—	0
Elankow	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Ichang	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Chungking	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Swatow	8 a.m.	29.99	41	97	NE	4
Shanghai	8 a.m.	29.90	40	100	NE	4
Shanghai	8 a.m.	29.89	40	100	NE	4
Amoy	8 a.m.	29.84	46	94	—	0
Swatow	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Taipei	8 a.m.	29.99	59	93	—	0
Taipei	8 a.m.	29.88	79	—	0	h
Taipei	8 a.m.	29.88	79	—	0	h
Kochin	8 a.m.	29.82	70	—	SW	2
Pescadore	8 a.m.	29.86	68	—	N	2
Canton	8 a.m.	29.94	—	99	—	0
Yokohama	8 a.m.	29.92	—	99	—	0
Cap Horn	8 a.m.	29.92	—	99	—	0
Macao	8 a.m.	29.93	61	100	SE	2
Wachow	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Pakhoi	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Yokohama	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Peking	8 a.m.	29.84	66	100	—	1
Tientsin	8 a.m.	29.81	72	—	SE	2
C. St. James	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Amoy	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Dagupan	8 a.m.	29.85	87	—	SE	2
Manila	8 a.m.	29.85	89	—	SE	2
Legazpi	8 a.m.	29.82	77	88	NE	2
Tacloban	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Surat	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Yokohama	8 a.m.	—	—	—	—	0
Yokohama	8 a.m.	29.78	—	—	—	4
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